



**CITY OF LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE  
2015-2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN and  
PROGRAM YEAR 2015 (FY 2016) DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDAC) MEETING ON THE  
2015-2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN and  
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**PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
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In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, notice is hereby given that a draft of the City's 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2015 (FY 2016) Annual Action Plan for community development and housing projects is available for public review and comment. The draft FY 2016 Annual Action Plan proposes how the \$734,483 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$347,926 in HOME Program entitlement funds, reprogrammed funds, and program income will be used for various projects. The City is required to prepare a multi-year Consolidated Plan regarding its use of CDBG and HOME funds. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify the needs of lower income persons, establish funding goals and priorities, and establish a multi-year strategy to address those needs. The first year of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan serves as the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan.

CDAC will hold a public meeting on the draft 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015 in Room 304 of the Miller Center located at 301 Grove Street, Lynchburg, VA 24501.

City Council will hold a public hearing on the draft 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 in Council Chambers located at 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504. Council will also consider adoption of these plans at that meeting.

The primary objective of the CDBG program is to continue to develop viable urban communities through decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. The City of Lynchburg supports assisting individuals with disabilities, substance abuse or addiction, persons with AIDS, persons that are homeless, and elderly persons. The following projects are included to be funded with CDBG funds in the first year of the Consolidated Plan:

CDBG Program Administration	\$92,000.00
Lynchburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority (LRHA) Admin & Delivery	\$128,882.00
Coordinated Infrastructure Improvements	\$360,694.51
LRHA Rental Rehabilitation	\$50,000.00
LRHA Centralized Homeless Intake Assessment (CHIA) Coordinator	\$50,000.00
LRHA Housing Resource Center	\$45,219.00
Lynchburg Police Dept./Boys & Girls Club Badges and Fun Fridays	\$7,687.00
Total CDBG	\$734,482.51

The following projects are included to be funded with HOME Program funds in the first year of the Consolidated Plan:

HOME Program Administration	\$22,925.58
Lynchburg Community Action Group (Lyn-CAG) Substantial Rehabilitation	\$100,000.00
Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity- Homeownership	\$75,000.00
Rush Homes – Community Housing Development Organization	\$150,000.00
Total HOME	\$347,925.58

All CDBG and HOME funds will be expended in accordance with the national objectives of these programs. The national objectives of the CDBG Program are to aid in the elimination of slums and blight, to provide for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons, and meet urgent community needs. The purpose of the HOME Program is to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing. Further, the City estimates that over 70 percent of the total funds allocated by HUD will benefit low/moderate income persons.

The following information is available for public review:

1. A description of the use of CDBG and HOME funds expended since last year's statement of proposed funding.
2. An assessment of past expenditures in relation to the community Development objectives.
3. An assessment of past expenditures in relation to the three broad national objectives of the CDBG Program and "maximum feasibility priority" to activities which benefit low/moderate income persons.

The City will minimize temporary and permanent displacement of persons as a result of the CDBG and HOME Program activities. However, there may be occasions where relocation may be necessary to achieve the City's overall housing and community development goals. In FY 2016, the Lyn-CAG Substantial Rehabilitation projects could possibly result in temporary displacement. In these cases, the City intends to assure that the rights of the affected residents are protected.

Copies of the draft plans and the projects included to receive funding will be available for review by the public at the Community Development Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor City Hall, 900 Church Street, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday–Friday) and on the Grants Administration website at [www.lynchburgva.gov/grants](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/grants). Additional copies will be available at the Lynchburg Public Library located at 2315 Memorial Avenue and the Downtown Branch Library at 900 Church Street.

The public comment period will run from May 23 – June 23, 2015. Any comments should be submitted in writing to the Grants Manager, Office of Grants Administration, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504 or via e-mail to [starlette.early@lynchburgva.gov](mailto:starlette.early@lynchburgva.gov). Any questions may be directed to the Grants Manager at 434-455-3916.

